

2002 LEGISLATIVE OVERVIEWS

This overview is by no means to be considered a comprehensive legislative overview. The overview is only to serve as a means to draw your attention to legislative changes that occurred this past year that may affect driving and or traffic schools.

Assembly Bill (AB) 2112, Chaptered 103, Amends Vehicle Code (VC) § 12502 (Operative: July 2, 2002).

Requires that a nonresident, 21 years of age or older, if transporting hazardous materials in a commercial vehicle, to have a valid license with the appropriate endorsement issued by another state or other jurisdiction that is recognized by DMV, or to have in his or her immediate possession a Canadian driver's license and a copy of his or her current training certificate to transport hazardous materials that complies with federal law and regulations.

AB 3024, Chaptered 758, Amends VC §12509.

Allows a valid permit holder to operate a government owned motor vehicle while taking driver's training as administered by the California National Guard pursuant to VC 12814.7 (a)(2).

Senate Bill (SB) 1590, Chaptered 766, Amends VC §12517.1

Redefines school bus accident as one involving \$ 750 in property damage.

AB 3024, Chaptered 758, Amends VC §12814.6

Prohibits a student from taking driver training instruction, unless he or she is at the same time taking driver education instruction or has successfully completed driver education.

AB 2273, Chaptered 418, Amends VC §12814.7

Requires DMV to issue a Class C restricted driver's license to enlistees in the California National Guard (CNG), 16-18 years of age, in order to operate military vehicles without being subject to the restrictions that are imposed on provisional licenses. This restricted license would be valid for the operation of US Army and CNG vehicles during the course and scope of their duties with the CNG.

SB 1590, Chaptered 766, Amends VC §13369

Allows DMV to refuse to issue or renew, suspend or revoke endorsements or certificates for hazardous materials, schoolbus, pupil activity bus or paratransit if the person has caused or contributed to a collision where a fatality, personal injury or property damage in excess of \$750 occurred.

AB 1883, Chaptered 402, Amends VC §14602.6 & 14602.7

Prohibits an impound agency from requiring documents to be notarized.

AB 2996, Chaptered 805, Amends VC §14900 (Operative: July 1, 2003)

Requires payment of a \$5 fee for each additional driving skill test taken under an application for an original license.

AB 2996, Chaptered 805, Amends VC §14900.1 (Operative: July 1, 2003)

Requires payment of a \$5 fee for each additional driving skill test taken under an application for renewal license.

AB 2996, Chaptered 805, Amends VC §14905

Raises the administrative fee for reinstatement of a driver's license following a suspension or revocation for DUI from \$100 to \$125.

AB 2996, Chaptered 805, Amends VC §14907

Implements a \$120 fee for the DMV to review a suspension or revocation decision.

AB 3024, Chaptered 758, Amends VC § 15278

Removes vehicles carrying asphalt or coal tar pitch from the exemptions to the definition of vehicles carrying hazardous material for purposes of the endorsement issued by DMV.

AB 2996, Chaptered 805, Amends VC §1656

Requires DMV to publish the VC once every two years, requires DMV to charge a sufficient fee to pay the costs for publishing and distributing the Code, and eliminates exemptions from payments of the fee.

SB 2079, Chaptered 774, Amends, Repeal and Add to VC §11101 (Effective: September 20, 2002)

Establishes a July 1, 2004 inoperative date for the current statute and adds a new statute to become operative July 1, 2004 to specify that driver education instruction offered by private schools are not subject to the DMV's occupational licensing program.

SB 1590, Chaptered 766, Amends VC §16000

Increases to \$ 750, the threshold of property damage that triggers the necessity to report a vehicle accident that occurred on a street or highway to DMV.

AB 1314, Chaptered 640, Add VC §22511.1

Prohibits a person from parking a vehicle in or blocking a stall or space reserved for a zero emission vehicle. Prohibits a person from fraudulently displaying a zero emission vehicle ID decal.